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FOR UNDER SECRETARY HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR YOUNG

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TAGS: PORG, UNGA, SF
SUBJ: 32ND UNGA: ANTI-APARTHEID RESOLUTIONS

1. I THINK IT PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT THAT THE UNITED STATES AVOID NEGATIVE VOTES ON TWO RESOLUTIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE ON APARTHEID. I URGE ABSTENTIONS NOT WITHOUT RECOGNIZING THE PROBLEMS CONTAINED IN SOME OF THE LANGUAGE OF THESE RESOLUTIONS BUT BECAUSE I BELIEVE: FIRST, THAT THESE PROBLEMS CAN BE COVERED BY ABSTENTIONS, WITH FURTHER EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE IF NECESSARY; AND SECOND, THAT THE UNITED STATES MUST NOT BE SEEN AS REJECTING THE BASIC TENETS OF THE TWO RESOLUTIONS: I.E., THE PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF APARTHEID AND THE LEGITIMACY OF THE STRUGGLE TO END APARTHEID. THE TWO RESOLUTIONS IN QUESTION ARE: (A) ASSISTANCE TO THE LIBERATION MOVEMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA (A/32/L.29); AND (B) SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA (A/32/L.30). IN BOTH CASES AN ABSTENTION WOULD SIGNAL THAT, WHILE WE SUPPORT THE OBJECTIVES OF THE RESOLUTIONS, WE CANNOT SUPPORT THE RHETORIC OR ALL OF THE TACTICS CALLED FOR TO ACHIEVE THEM. IN BOTH CASES, A NEGATIVE VOTE WOULD RAISE QUESTIONS AS TO THE TRUE EXTENT OF OUR COMMITMENT TO CHANGE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

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2. WHILE A HALF DOZEN MEMBERS OF THE UNITED NATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO VOTE "NO" ON THE FIRST RESOLUTION MENTIONED ABOVE, WE KNOW OF NO OTHER MEMBERS WHO INTEND TO OPPOSE THE SECOND. THUS, IF THE UNITED STATES WERE TO VOTE "NO" ON THE SECOND, WE COULD BE COMPLETELY ISOLATED TO THE RIGHT OF OUR MORE CONSERVATIVE

EUROPEAN PARTNERS. SUCH A POSITION WOULD CAST AFRICAN
DOUBT ON OUR LIBERALIZING INFLUENCE AMONG THE WESTERN
FIVE AND REDOUBLE THE QUESTIONING OF OUR COMMITMENT.
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